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June 6, 41.

Marshall of the U.S. Court for China,  
S H A N G H A I.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated June 4, 1941, in regard to a working arrangement between your office and this Force in regard to the checking of Police records and in reply have to state that there is no objection to the system you outline except that I would suggest that the Assistant Commissioner (Special Branch) Mr. V. Sharman or his Personal Assistant Chief Inspector R.F. Tabrum be the liaison officers to obtain any details which you may require, as they normally deal with such matters.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

**K.M. BOURNE**  
Commissioner of Police.

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Date June 5, 1941.

(Crime Branch) Office Notes

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I think this work should be handled by Special Branch as hitherto. It will necessitate scrutiny of the records of the Finger Print Bureau, Special Branch, C.S. 6 and possibly C. 1. Request for information should be made direct to A.C. (Special Branch) or his Personal Assistant.

W. H. Robertson

D. C. (Crime & Special Branches).

June 4, 1941.

Major K. M. Bourne,  
Commissioner,  
Shanghai Municipal Police,  
Shanghai.

Dear Sir:

This office and the United States Consulate at Shanghai obviously require confidential information from time to time regarding the character and police records of Americans and other nationals in connection with various applications for discretionary dispensations by our Government, such as visas etc.

In order to obviate duplications of such reports and to facilitate the handling of such matters on a routine basis by your department my Chief Deputy has worked out a tentative plan in collaboration with your Inspector J. C. Dixon substantially as follows, to wit:

1. Our Consulate to supply our office with list of names of individuals about whom police record and character information is desired.
2. Our office to then submit the list to officer in charge of Fingerprint Bureau with the request that the names be checked against your police records, confidential files and refugee files.
3. Your officer in charge of Fingerprint Bureau to then report back to our office those names on which there is no adverse information together with a brief summary of such police record or adverse comments as may be pertinent as to the others.
4. Reports from your office should reach this office, if possible, within 24 hours after such names are submitted.

It is believed that the average number of names that will be submitted will not exceed ten daily, however, obviously this will be variable.

It is believed that some such plan as that above outlined will save your department heads much inconvenience which would otherwise be caused by having various officials of the U.S. Consulate and our office telephoning direct perhaps to a head of a department for information of this kind which can be obtained on a routine basis.

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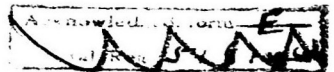
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Very truly yours,

Charles Richardson, Jr.,  
Marshal of the United States Court  
for China

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
U. S. MARSHAL FOR CHINA  
SHANGHAI, CHINA



*Letter form*

June 4, 1941.

D. C. (Cr & Sp. Branch)

*Some short circuit is  
beneficial in regard to  
American subjects only. I can see  
no objection. I am inclined to  
think other Nationals should be  
sent through to C.G. Please  
do me the favor your very  
sincerely*

*Commissioner of Police*

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